(b) The work relating to setting up the SEZ can commence only after formal approval and notification of the SEZ. Formal approval can be given only after the promoters are in possession of the required land.

Acquisition of land for SEZs

1491. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether land acquisition for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) has been initiated/is on the anvil, by the competent Authority;

(b) if so, the details, including the number of SEZs in final nod and approved in principle, land to be taken or taken over for SEZs, category-wise, State-wise as on date;

(c) the details of agricultural land and the land identified for mineral resources marketed or taken for SEZs, category-wise, State-wise as on date; and

(d) the details of corporate houses associated with SEZs and the nature of land transfer in SEZs as on date, State-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) State/Union Territory -wise details of land involved in the establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for which formal and in principle approvals have been granted so far as follows:—

SI. No	Name of the State/UT	SEZs for which formal approval granted		Cases in which 'in principle' approval granted	
		No.	Area (in hectares)	No.	Area (in hectares)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	45	9400.10	09	..
2	Chandigarh	02	87.49	-	-
3	Chhattisgarh	-	—	02	2029.00
4	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	..	01	80.00
5	Delhi	01	6.00	01	11.00
6	Goa	04	290.98	-	—
7	Gujarat	18	10104.00	10	5439.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
8	Haryana	19	818.41	27	43002.48
9	Himachal Pradesh	-	--	03	5030.00
10	Jharkhand	01	36.00	-	--
11	Karnataka	29	1653.10	17	4720.96
12	Kerala	10	169.65	02	414.00
13	Madhya Pradesh	04	71.25	06	9309.25
14	Maharashtra	48	8367.00	26	34103.00
15	Orissa	05	745.61	07	4060.30
16	Podicherry	01	346.00	-	--
17	Punjab	04	252.00	07	1571.00
18	Rajasthan	03	89.23	08	12251.32
19	Tamil Nadu	25	1300.60	12	5078.02
20	Uttaranchal	03	468.20	01	14.00
21	Uttar Pradesh	08	133.83	10	5954.25
22	West Bengal	07	170.26	14	11827.14
	TOTAL	237	34509.71	163	148663.11

(c) Land being a State subject, decision to identify or allot land for various purposes including SEZ is taken by the respective State Governments in accordance with the policies laid down for the purpose. Proposals duly recommended by the State Governments only are granted approval by the Central Government.

(d) Information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

RBI suggestions regarding SEZs

1492. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy on setting up of SEZs in various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government would adhere to the suggestions proposed by the Reserve Bank of India that SEZs would aggravate uneven development in the country; and